



1 May 2023

# **April 2023 Monthly Report**

for

## **Northern Nye County Hospital District**

by

### **Biowerx Consulting, LLC**



#### **SECTION 1. SUMMARY**

This report covers activity from 1 April 2023 to 30 April 2023. During this month, tasks were performed on the items listed below.

- Meeting regularly with USDA to stay in sync with them
- Meeting regularly with hospital Team
- Managing and distributing various documentation related to hospital project
- Staying in contact with three D/B teams as we head towards RFP
- Continuing to investigate what it will take to sell hospital equipment
- Managing the process to get various RFP documents approved
- Managing access to HRSA EHB and Payment System
- Submitted Biowerx contract addendum to Trustees
- Successfully received letter of support from NTTR Commander
- Maintaining NNCHP government accounts: SAM, Grants.gov, HRSA, etc.
- Working on DoDCIP application
- Worked with Wipfli to get rough predicted operating budget for hospital to USDA
- Handed Pennington investigation off to Mr. Gamble
- Updated Biowerx invoice submission process
- Continuing RFP process for Construction Manager role
- Continuing RFP process for Grants Management role
- Continuing RFP process for Environmental Support role
- Finalized investigation on geothermal potential for hospital

#### **SECTION 2. PROGRESS OF ONGOING RESEARCH**

Currently researching additional grant opportunities

### SECTION 3. KEY RELATIONSHIPS

The relationships listed below are a mix of existing and new contacts. The new relationships are those developed this month as part of the NNCHD project. All may play a role in the effort.

3.1 Ken Eason – Existing

Mr. Eason is the Ex-Chairman of the NNCHD board. Dr. Pillers has known Mr. Eason since he was a young child.

3.2 Roni Link – Existing

Mrs. Link was the Chairman on the NNCHD board. Dr. Pillers has known Mrs. Link since he was a young child. Mrs. Link has since resigned from the board.

3.3 Karmin Greber – Existing

Mrs. Greber is the ex-Chair of the NNCHD. Dr. Pillers met Mrs. Greber at the initiation of his support of the NNCHD.

3.4 Justin Zimmerman – Existing

Mr. Zimmerman was a Trustee and Secretary/Treasurer on NNCHD board. Dr. Pillers met Mr. Zimmerman at the initiation of his support of the NNCHD. Mr. Zimmerman has since resigned from the board.

3.5 Cathie Clifford – Existing

Mrs. Clifford is an ex-trustee on the NNCHD board. Dr. Pillers has known Mrs. Clifford since he was a young child.

3.6 Michael Lach - Existing

Mr. Lach is a Manager for North Tonopah Development, LLC. He has offered to gift sections of land to NNCHD solely for the purpose of constructing some form of healthcare facility.

3.7 Van Le – Existing

Mr. Le is a principle for the group, JML Holdings. JML has shown significant interest in initiating the development of an ‘on-site’ urgent care facility in Tonopah with the intent to evolve it to include emergent care as well. Mr. Le has medical training but has focused his career on business and financial investment. Appears to be very well connected in Las Vegas and has access to funding. Biowerx was given a tour of an Ambulatory Surgical Center under construction in Las Vegas – effort was real and significant.

3.8 Quennie Manuel – Existing

Ms. Manuel is a principle in the group, JML Holdings. She has significant experience developing, implementing and operating urgent care facilities. She is primary contact for JML. Biowerx was given a tour of an urgent care she was instrumental in developing and running for many years.

3.9 Bert Craig – Existing

Mr. Craig is the construction foreman in charge of various medical projects for JML Holdings in Las Vegas. Those projects stretch from Nevada to California and Washington State as well. He

is willing to share information related to medical construction and certification that will be needed for any facility used for medical purposes in Tonopah.

3.10 Chris Carter (C&C) – Existing

Mr. Carter is one of two consultants (C&C Healthcare Services) that has expressed interest in opening an urgent care facility in Tonopah. C&C ‘consults’ for G&G Home Health and Liberty Creek Hospice. While C&C appear to have experience with staffing home health and mental health/addiction services, they do not seem to have a background in urgent care.

3.11 Cindy Jones (C&C) – Existing

Ms. Jones is one of two consultants (C&C Healthcare Services) that has expressed interest in opening an urgent care facility in Tonopah. C&C ‘consults’ for G&G Home Health and Liberty Creek Hospice. While C&C appear to have experience with staffing home health and mental health/addiction services, they do not seem to have a background in urgent care.

3.12 Eljena (Marie) Peterson – Existing

Ms. Peterson provides Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (APRN) services in Tonopah. She can provide significant content related to both historical and current healthcare issues. She appears to be working on expanding her services quietly. Very willing to cooperate in the expansion of services there.

3.13 Lorinda Wichman – Existing

Mrs. Witchman is a Nye County Commissioner whose district covers the town of Tonopah and its surroundings. Phone issues for Mrs. Wichman has made it difficult to connect. Mrs. Wichman will be critical in understanding the current as well as evolving status of the Nye County Regional Hospital.

3.14 Clint Quilter – Existing

Mr. Quilter has been recently appointed as the County Administrator for Inyo County which includes the town of Bishop. Mr. Quilter reached out to Biowerx Engineering a few months before Biowerx was engaged by NNCHD inquiring if Dr. Pillers could assist with healthcare issues in Inyo County. It was explained that those issues are not unlike those faced by Tonopah. Efforts will be made to investigate opportunities to ‘partner’ with Inyo County in addressing Tonopah’s challenges. Mr. Quilter attended Tonopah High School at the same time as Dr. Pillers.

3.15 Margo Teague – Existing

Biowerx Consulting became aware of Mrs. Teague through a Tonopah High School classmate of Dr. Pillers. Mrs. Teague has very recently completed a Healthcare Needs Analysis of the Elko community in Northern Nevada. She will be investigated as to her ability to perform a similar healthcare needs analysis of Tonopah and Northern Nye County.

3.16 Tom Vallas – Existing

Mr. Vallas is the legal counsel for NNCHD.

3.17 Kirk Gillis – Existing

Dr. Pillers met Mr. Gillis several years ago while working at Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC). At that time, Mr. Gillis was in charge of developing telemedicine solutions for the Renown Healthcare organization. Dr. Pillers approached him to share information on the Tactical



Telemedicine solution being developed at SNC. Mr. Gillis was the Vice President of Strategy for Renown and has been instrumental in the structure of the current Renown integration into Tonopah healthcare. He has since moved on from that position.

3.18 Gary Beck – Existing

Biowerx Consulting met Mr. Beck while working with Elaine Christensen (BEC Environmental) on the USDA Community Facility Technology and Training (CFTAT) grant. Mr. Beck used to lead Renown's rural healthcare efforts.

3.19 Kevin Romero – Existing

Mr. Romero is the Vice President of Operations for REMSA. He is engaged in a leadership role for the Tonopah REMSA effort.

3.20 Brenda Staffan – Existing

Ms. Staffan is the Chief Operation Officer for REMSA. She is a key decision maker for the Tonopah REMSA effort.

3.21 Cheryl Couch – Existing

Mrs. Couch is the Community Programs Director, US Department of Agriculture-USDA, Rural Development. She is the main contact on the USDA CFTAT grant. Her knowledge of USDA grants and other funding opportunities will be researched to find funds to assist Tonopah with the development there. She is very motivated to help as she is passionate about rural communities.

3.22 Stacy Smith – Existing

Mrs. Smith is the Executive Director of Nye Communities Coalition (NyECC). NyECC is the sponsoring entity for the CFTAT Grant. Dr. Pillers is employed by NyECC for the purposes of facilitating the grant. Mrs. Smith may be valuable in assisting with identifying various resources that can be brought to bear on the Tonopah healthcare challenges.

3.23 Joe Westerlund – Existing

Mr. Westerlund is the Utility/Maintenance Supervisor at Tonopah Public Utilities. As facilities are examined for use as healthcare locations, Mr. Westerlund will be important to assist in understanding utility status. He is also very involved in Tonopah development and has a long history there. Mr. Westerlund was a classmate of Dr. Pillers at Tonopah High School.

3.24 Chris Mulkerns – Existing

Mrs. Mulkerns is the Administrative Manager for Tonopah. As she is very aware of the latest status on many issues in Tonopah. Mrs. Mulkerns will be vital in assisting with the development of an 'integrated' healthcare system. Met with Mrs. Mulkerns and Mr. Westerlund while providing a brief on the CFTAT grant – which requires their support.

3.25 Russ Kotwal – Existing

COL Russ Kotwal (Ret) is: A Physician and Retired Military Veteran; an Adjunct Professor, Department of Medicine, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; an Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Medicine, Texas A&M Health Science Center; and the Senior Advisor (2014-Present) and Former Committee Member (2006-2014) for the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care, Joint Trauma System United States Department of Defense. Dr. Pillers and Dr. Kotwal have known each other for many years and met during Dr. Pillers



development efforts for Tactical Telemedicine. Dr. Kotwal has expressed his support for Biowerx Consulting's effort in revitalizing healthcare in Tonopah. This relationship may lead to Department of Defense medicine integration into the Tonopah environment.

3.26 Joni Eastly – Existing

Mrs. Eastly is a long time Tonopah resident who has vast experience in the politics and social fabric of Tonopah. Her understanding and wisdom of how to get things done in Tonopah will be eminently valuable. Mrs. Eastly and her husband own the home that Dr. Pillers was raised in – otherwise known as the 'Castle'.

3.27 Varsha Lafargue – Existing

Mrs. LaFargue is the Owner and CEO of ONEDIR Clinics based in Houston Texas. She has many years' experience implementing clinic/urgent care facilities world-wide and in rural locations specifically. Mrs. LaFargue has strong connections at the very highest levels including people such as Bill Gates of Microsoft. Dr. Pillers met Mrs. LaFargue while working on Tactical Telemedicine for the Department of Defense. Mrs. LaFargue has expressed honest interest in assisting in some way with the Tonopah healthcare redevelopment.

3.28 Dr. Gillian Barkley – Existing

Dr. Barkley is the Healthcare Sector Specialist in the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). Dr. Pillers and Dr. Barkley have been together looking for opportunities to facilitate improved healthcare for rural Nevada for several years. Dr. Barkley may be able to assist with the economic development side of Tonopah healthcare.

3.29 Karsten Heise – Existing

Mr. Heise leads the Technology Sector of the GOED office here in Nevada. Dr. Pillers and Mr. Heise have had a great working relationship for many years starting while Dr. Pillers was at SNC. They worked cooperatively to implement things like the 'Nevada Telemedicine Conference'. Mr. Heise may be another excellent resource in the realm of economic development for Tonopah.

3.30 Larry Trilops – Existing

Mr. Trilops previously worked with Renown and for a time, consulted the NNCHD during their inception. Mr. Trilops during that time, collected various forms of data that Biowerx has acquired and is integrating into the Tonopah Integrated Healthcare Repository.

3.31 Charlie Paschal – Existing

Dr. Pillers met Mr. Paschal several years ago while developing Tactical Telemedicine for the Department of Defense. Mr. Paschal was a Program Manager for the US Army's Medical Readiness and Materiel Command (USAMRMC). Mr. Paschal is a world-class expert on delivering medical care in austere environments. Mr. Paschal currently lives in Frederick Maryland but is motivated that upon retirement, would like to move to central Nevada and assist with healthcare in a role similar to County EMS Manager. Mr. Paschal was instrumental in the effort to develop at the Tonopah Airport a Center for Telemedicine Excellence that could be used by the US DOD to test, train and develop telemedicine solutions for the military.



3.32 Jessica Paschal – Existing

Jessica Paschal is Charlie Paschal's daughter. She lives on the East Coast and is currently employed as a teacher for the hearing impaired. She is interested in assisting Biowerx Consulting with administrative type duties. If she is engaged, Biowerx Consulting will pay for her services directly.

3.33 Candy Metcher – Existing

Candy Metcher is a long-time Tonopah resident who is directly integrated into the Senior Citizen community in Tonopah. She has current and vast knowledge of the issues Senior Citizens face in the Tonopah healthcare environment. Disclosure – Ms. Metcher is Dr. Pillers' Aunt.

3.34 Timaree Koscik – Existing

Ms. Koscik is a life-long Tonopah resident who has been employed at various levels of administration there. She has additional perspectives and insights into Tonopah operation that may prove helpful while maneuvering through the various entities. She is also involved with the Tonopah Senior Citizen community. Mrs. Koscik (Lydon) attended Tonopah High School at the same time as Dr. Pillers.

3.35 Elizabeth Wright – Existing

Mrs. Wright is a retired Washoe County Schools Facilities Administrator. The majority of her career focused on the financial aspect of facility construction, modification and maintenance typically in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Her expertise will be leveraged to understand the various aspects of facility assessment and construction if necessary. Disclosure: Mrs. Wright is Dr. Pillers sister.

3.36 Richard Whitley – Existing

Mr. Richard Whitley is the Director of Nevada's department of Health and Human Services. He has pledged his support for the healthcare efforts in Tonopah. He has had significant previous interaction with elements related to the closure of Nye Regional Medical Center.

3.37 Jennifer Finley – Existing

Ms. Finley is a Sr. Clinical Analyst for Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNMC) located in Sparks, NV. She is a first contact related to building a relationship with NNMC which could lead to them contributing to healthcare services in Tonopah.

3.38 Jerry Seelig – Existing

Mr. Seelig was initially contacted with regards to the NRMC Hospital patient records. Mr. Seelig is currently performing on a contract to address remaining records. Turns out he was significantly involved in the bankruptcy of the hospital and attempts to fix the situation. He is very motivated to continue to assist in some way.

3.39 Lorina Dellinger – Existing

Mrs. Lorina Dellinger is the Assistant County Manager for Nye County. She is a critical interface between the NNCHD and the Nye County Commissioners.

3.40 Colleen Morissette – Existing

Mrs. Morissette performs Business Development related functions for REMSA. Dr. Pillers has known Mrs. Morissette for many years in the Military Business Development industry.

3.41 David Cain – Existing

Mr. David Cain is a practicing Physician's Assistant (PA) at the hospital in Hawthorne. He commutes to Hawthorn from Idaho to practice. He has great information as to how to attract PA's and other providers to a rural environment.

3.42 Paul Miller – Existing

Mr. Miller works for Nye County Regional Economic Development Authority (NCREDA). He may be able to provide intelligence regarding economic development activity related to Tonopah and surrounding areas.

3.43 Donna Miller – Existing

Ms. Donna Miller is the original owner of Lifeguard International (Flying ICU) air medical transport company. Flying ICU delivered transport solutions for the Tonopah area for many years until the entry of REMSA and Renown into the local market. After their reluctant departure from Tonopah, Flying ICU was bought by American Medical Response (AMR) then AMR was bought by Air Medical Group Holdings (AMGH). Ms. Miller is currently employed by AMGH. Dr. Pillers met Donna several years ago while developing Department of Defense telemedicine platforms.

3.44 Steve and Martha Elliott – Existing

The Elliotts own several pieces of property in Tonopah that may be suitable for acquisition by JML for construction of the Urgent Care+.

3.45 Scott Jones – Existing

Mr. Jones is the Manager for Primary Care and Health Workforce Development Office (PCHWDO) at Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

3.46 Tina Gerber-Winn – Existing

Ms. Gerber-Winn is a Manager for Division of Public & Behavioral Health, Rural Clinics and Community Health Nursing at Nevada Department of Health and Human Services.

3.47 Don Kaminski – Existing

Mr. Kominski is the vice-chair of the Northern Nye County Hospital District.

3.48 Douglas Duncan – Existing

Mr. Duncan is an engineer at Partner ESI engineering. Partner ESI is a national firm that performs facility condition assessments.

3.49 Joe Ehrheart – Existing

Mr. Ehrheart is the Planning Manager for Nye County.

3.50 Jim Marsh – Existing

Mr. Marsh owns several pieces of land in Tonopah that may be suitable for Urgent Care Plus

3.51 'Mech' Bhakta – Existing

Mr. Bhakta owns property located on main street in Tonopah suitable for locating the Urgent Care Plus. He now lives in Bishop, CA and owns the Thunderbird Motel there.

3.52 Chris Gilliam – Existing

Mr. Gillam works for the Korte Company that has significant experience in Facility Condition Assessments. He is in charge of the Korte Co. healthcare division.

3.53 Steve Dailey – Existing

Mr. Dailey works for Korte Company and is a healthcare and USDA expert for them.

3.54 Beth Ennis – Existing

Beth Ennis is the Community Health Nurse in Tonopah.

3.55 David Jacobs – Existing

Mr. Jacobs is a senior editor for the Tonopah Times Bonanza.

3.56 Daria Sokolova – Existing

Ms. Sokolova is a reporter for the Tonopah Times Bonanza.

3.57 Nancy Whipperman – Existing

Ms. Whipperman runs the Tonopah office of the Tonopah Times Bonanza.

3.58 Tim Gamble – Existing

Mr. Gamble is a new trustee of the NNCHD. He replaced Cathie Clifford after her resignation.

3.59 Beth Dunning – Existing

Ms. Dunning is a Community Development representative of the Nevada Rural Housing Authority.

3.60 Clayon Solomon – Existing

Mr. Solomon is the application reviewer for DHHS working with GSA on AF Housing transfer.

3.61 Rhonda Rance – Existing

Mrs. Rance is the key contact at GSA overseeing the AF Housing transfer.

3.62 Gaby Cruz – Existing

Mrs. Cruz is the owner of Serenity Health, a healthcare provider contracted by Nye County Sheriff to deliver care in both the Pahrump and Tonopah jail.

3.63 Theresa Ritta – Existing

Ms. Ritta is a Program Manager for the Federal Real Property Assistance Program at the US Department of Health and Human Services. She assists NNCHD in the management of the five Air Force houses on Victoria Ave. transferred to NNCHD ownership by DHHS and GSA.

3.64 Denise Carver – Existing

Mrs. Carver is an employee of Round Mountain Gold. She has insight as to what happened to compressor Round Mountain Gold bought for Hospital.





3.65 Tom Arnhart – Existing

Mr. Arnhart is the owner of Cow County Title and will provide a quote for the title search to be done on NRMC.

3.66 Nancy Cline – Existing

Mrs. Cline and her husband own the Mizpah Hotel in Tonopah. Conversations are happening with her to determine if Cline's can assist with healthcare development in Tonopah.

3.67 Kevin Flanigan – Existing

Mr. Flanigan works for Fidelity Appraisals. He will be providing proposal for NRMC inventory effort.

3.68 Marc Salls – Existing

Mr. Salls is an insurance specialist who represents CNRC.

3.69 Jonathan Salls – Existing

Mr. Salls is an attorney who represents CNRC.

3.70 Kay Shields – Existing

Mr. Shields is the local (Tonopah) project manager for McSharry Construction out of Las Vegas.

3.71 Peter Dubé – Existing

Mr. Dubé is the lead architect and owner of Dubé Group. They were considered for engineering the NRMC barn remodel.

3.72 Emily Hendrickson – Existing

Ms. Hendrickson is the new Trustee on the NNCHD board replacing Mrs. Link's resignation. Ms. Hendrickson is a resident of Round Mountain and works at administration level of Round Mountain Gold.

3.73 Alex Tin – Existing

Mr. Tin is a reporter for the Washington DC CBS office. He is focused on presidential candidate research.

3.74 Tiffany Grigory – Existing

Mrs. Grigory is the new Administrative Assistant for the Northern Nye County Hospital District.

3.75 Matt Neilson – Existing

Mr. Neilson is a web developer located in Northern Nevada. He has assisted Biowerx in understanding the options for hosting NNCHD project data.

3.76 Vanessa Torres – Existing

Ms. Torres is the administrator for Central Nevada Regional Care. She works closely with Ms. Queenie Manuel.

3.77 Kaniela Acosta – Existing

Mr. Acosta is the Regional Manager for the Urgent Care run by CNRC in Tonopah.

3.78 John McCormick – Existing

Mr. McCormick is the General Manager for The Mizpah Hotel located in Tonopah Nevada. The Mizpah has contracted with NNCHD to provide maintenance for the clinic building at Nye Regional Medical Center site in Tonopah.

3.79 Julia Cordova – Existing

Ms Cordova is a web designer for Kairos Consulting. Kairos has been contracted by CNRC to develop their website.

3.80 Lt. Col. Jeff Harris – Existing

Lt. Col. Harris is in charge of medical operations at the Tonopah Test Range.

3.81 Dr. Antonia Capurro – Existing

Dr. Antonia Capurro is the Nevada State Dental Health Officer. She has reached out to the District to collaborate on potential funding for dental services in Tonopah.

3.82 Mr. Richard Stoltz – Existing

Mr. Stoltz is the grants project coordinator for the William N. Pennington Foundation. We are working with him to determine if the Pennington Foundation will grant the district funds to assist with new hospital project.

3.83 Mr. Samy Yousuf – Existing

Mr. Yousuf works for Nevada Department of Transportation located in the Tonopah facility. He is assisting with signage issues on US95.

3.84 Ms. Samantha Kramer – Existing

Ms. Kramer works for Nye County as the Grants Administrator. She has been helping NNCHD with both the CDBG grant application process as well as CARES Act application.

3.85 Ms. Savannah Rucker – Existing

Ms. Rucker works for Nye County as the Comptroller. She has helped NNCHD with the CDBG and CARES Act applications.

3.86 Ms. Honey Strozzi – Existing

Ms. Strozzi works for Nye County. She is a Purchasing Technician and is helping NNCHD with the Design/Build process.

3.87 Ms. Danielle McKee – Existing

Ms. McKee works for Nye County. She is the Contracts Administrator and is assisting NNCHD with the Design/Build process.

3.88 Ms. Nancy Maslach – Existing

Ms. Maslach is the new Trustee for the Northern Nye County Hospital District. I have known Ms. Maslach since my childhood as she and her family were my next-door neighbors.

3.89 Mr. Max Perkins – Existing

Mr. Perkins is a principle for LobbyIt, a lobbying firm based in Washington D.C. LobbyIt is on a Professional Services Contract with NNCHD to assist with Federal and State issues.



- 3.90 Ms. Patricia Browning – Existing  
Ms. Browning is the newly placed trustee on the Northern Nye County Hospital District.
- 3.91 Ms. Karen Lloyd – Existing  
Ms. Lloyd is the main contact at Wipfli, LLC, the CPA firm contracted to perform the Examined Financial Forecast.
- 3.92 Mr. Derick Hembd – Existing  
Mr. Hembd is the president of SixCo Nevada, a consortium of companies focused on infrastructure projects in and outside of Nevada.
- 3.93 Mr. Brett Mitchell – Existing  
Mr. Mitchell is the Healthcare Advisor in SixCo Nevada. He is a national instructor for the Design/Build Institute of America.
- 3.94 Ms. Samantha Faga – Existing  
Ms. Faga is the new Trustee on the Northern Nye County Hospital District board. She replaced the opening left by Emily Hendrickson.
- 3.95 Lt. Col. Philip Flatau – Existing  
Lt. Col. Philip Flatau is now in charge of medical operations at the Tonopah Test Range.
- 3.96 Raelyn Powers – Existing  
Raelyn Powers is our contact in the Nye County Treasurers Office for managing receipt of grant funds.
- 3.97 John Dao – Existing  
John Dao is one of the principals at Wipfli who will be assisting with our Examined Financial Forecast.
- 3.98 Joan Hall – Existing  
Joan Hall is the CEO of Nevada Rural Hospital Partners. She is the foremost expert in the state of Nevada regarding rural hospitals.
- 3.99 Jason Sieg – Existing  
Mr. Jason Sieg is a data analyst for Wipfli. NNCHD will be working with him closely to develop the Examined Financial Forecast
- 3.100 Michael Blake Bezruki – Existing  
Mr. Bezruki is our new contact at LobbyIt. Biowerx will be working closely with him in pursuit of opportunities for NNCHD.
- 3.101 Maria Murillo – Existing  
Ms. Murillo is the acting replacement for Cheryl Couch, the Director of Community Programs for USDA Rural Development.

3.102 Dr. David Mahon – Existing

Dr. Mahon is one of the partners in the Nevada Dental Foundation that is bringing dental services to Northern Nye County with Dr. Antonina Capurro.

3.103 Lt. Col. Dadgar – Existing

Colonel Dadgar is the base Commander of the Nevada Test and Training Range. He will be instrumental in assisting NNCHD with its DODCIP application.

3.104 Erin Klein – Existing

Ms. Klein is the regional Vice President, Business Development of Intellimed. Intellimed is assisting the NNCHD in acquiring data for Wipfli to use in the Examined Financial Forecast.

3.105 Jessica Sanders – Existing

Ms Sanders is the Community Development Block Grant Program Administrator.

3.106 Cody Phinney – Existing

Ms Cody Phinney is the Deputy Administrator for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health. She currently oversees the Certificate of Need application process at the State of Nevada.

3.107 Gus Wegren – Existing

Mr. Wegren is the new Director of Nevada USDA Rural Development. He replaced Mrs. Cheryl Couch.

3.108 Stanley Schimke – Existing

Mr. Schimke is the Director of Health Practice at EAPC. EAPC is the entity that is proposing to the District to perform the Criteria Architect services for the hospital project.

3.109 Timothy Hipp – Existing

Commissioner Hipp is the District 1 Commissioner for Esmeralda County. He has engaged Biowerx to discuss concept of federal funding availability.

3.110 Ted Chrissinger – Existing

Mr. Chrissinger is legal counsel with construction experience and expertise that Biowerx and SixCo will recommend the NNCHD use for legal services related to the construction of the new hospital. Mr. Chrissinger is a partner with Tom Vallas in the Hoy, Chrissinger, Vallas law firm.

3.111 Elizabeth Jordan – Existing

Ms. Jordan is an assistant to Ms. Savannah Rucker of the Nye County accounting department. Ms. Jordan will be assisting NNCHD with how to manage the incoming grant funds and a possible NNCHD Foundation.

3.112 Dylan Crosby – Existing

Mr. Crosby is the Director of Facilities for the Tahoe Forest Hospital located in Truckee California. Mr. Crosby is willing to help the NNCHD board understand the need for a Care Model Consultant. Mr. Crosby is now the Care Model Advisor for the new hospital project.

3.113 Terry Lawrence – Existing

Mr. Lawrence is an applicant to the Care Model Advisor position.

3.114 Norm Schoen – Existing

Mr. Schoen is the Supervisory Architect for the entire Western States for USDA.

## **SECTION 4. INITIATIVE STATUS**

### **4.1 Construction Management**

Legal Review Complete. RFP language is being finalized now for the search of an entity to perform the Construction Management activities on the project.

### **4.2 Debt Capacity Analysis**

First round – COMPLETE.

### **4.3 Examined Financial Forecast**

SAME THIS MONTH – The Debt Capacity Analysis is complete. Next step is Phase II of the Examined Financial Forecast. It is appropriate to wait for this step until NNCHD determines specifics of how they want to proceed towards scope and scale of the facility. Letter of intent has been provided to NNCHD by Wipfli to perform Phase II of the Examined Financial Forecast

### **4.4 Design/Build RFP**

Shifted to this month due to lack of Quorum at last meeting. Criteria Document is being presented to NNCHD this week's meeting. RFP language and contract language are still at USDA for approval.

### **4.5 Legal Counsel**

All is well.

### **4.6 Criteria Architect**

Still needs to be completed. A slight modification of EAPC's contract is required to account for an adjustment of scope. Some of their original scope is being moved to the D/B team once they are selected. EAPC is drafting an amendment to reflect this change.

### **4.7 Demolition of old hospital**

No update this month. BEC Environmental has worked diligently to prepare the possibility of using Brownfields funding to pay for demolition. BEC environmental is also working specifically to assist in getting the Tonopah landfill 'expanded' to be able to receive the material from the demolition.

### **4.8 Dental Services**

Dr. Capurro contacted for latest status. Response not yet received as of the delivery of this report.

#### **4.9 Congressional Funding of \$2 Million**

Biowerx Consulting understands that the NNCHD Administrative Secretary is now taking the lead for managing this grant. Search for Grant Management role is specifically for this, and future grants and is ongoing.

#### **4.10 DoD Community Infrastructure Program (CIP) Grant**

Composition of the grant application has started. Most critical element, the Letter of Support from the Base Commander has been received. Response is due 23 June, 2023

#### **4.11 Environmental Support**

Continuing: A draft RFP has been composed that will look for an entity that can perform this support for the District after going through a fair, and open competition.

#### **4.12 Nye County Grant and Project Accounting**

**SAME as LAST MONTH**

NNCHD Administrative Secretary is working to come up to speed on necessary tasks for managing these funds in the short term.

**RECOMMENDATION: Biowerx, based on the advice of team recommends NNCHD begin to implement a plan to put in place a Chief Financial Officer (CFO).**

#### **4.13 NRMC Survey**

Survey is complete and all deliverables have been provided.

#### **4.14 New Grant Funding**

Trustee Tim Gamble will be investigating grant possibilities through Pennington as well as the Helmsley Trust.

### **SECTION 5. COMMUNICATION SUMMARY**

Communication Summary has been removed as it was indicated that it did not provide value. If it is desired that it be re-instated, don't hesitate to inform Biowerx Consulting.

### **SECTION 6. KEY RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOWERX CONSULTING**

As of the end of February 2022, Biowerx Consulting has the following recommendations for NNCHD:

#### **6.1 Complete Education Session**

**Need to reevaluate if this is still needed or if the scope needs to be redefined.**

#### **6.2 Secure Quote on NRMC Demolition**

**On Hold until Design/Build team is selected.**

#### **6.3 Find Small Opportunities**

**Continuing Recommendation** – NNCHD strongly recommended to find small opportunities to show community they are actively pursuing the improvement of healthcare in the area.



6.4 Develop Integrated EMS Strategy

**Standing Critical** – NNCHD is recommended to work with all appropriate agencies to put in place a highly integrated, efficient and cost-effective local EMS and long-haul EMS strategy incorporating all available elements. This strategy should be published to all entities with a vested interest. The critical goal at this point is to find how to be as cost efficient on EMS as possible.

6.5 Design/Build Competition for NRMC replacement

**In Process** – Awaiting completion of the Criteria Documents and legal/USDA approval of RFP language as well as contract language. RFP language as well as contract language has been approved by legal counsel. Still awaiting USDA approval.

6.6 Renovate ‘Barn’

On hold per NNCHD

6.7 Continue to Evaluate the performance of REMSA

**Continuing** – NNCHD needs to continue to work with REMSA to evaluate EMS services to fine-tune delivery of care to maximize patient outcomes as well as financial efficiency.

6.8 Work with LobbyIt to pursue potential DoD/DoE funding for construction of Hospital

**Included in the DoDCIP grant application.**

6.9 Continue the exploration of methods to deliver free or significantly reduced housing

**Continuing** – Biowerx still recommends NNCHD continue to look for housing opportunities or strategies for supplying housing for providers.

6.10 Continue to explore for other entities willing to pursue Tonopah Healthcare delivery

**Standing recommendation.** The NNCHD should continue to investigate the possibility of new entities entering the healthcare delivery market in Tonopah.

6.11 Physical Therapy

**Continuing Critical.** The District should perform research on what can be done to either support or replace the physical therapist located in Tonopah.

6.12 Establish and Maintain the CHIP (Community Health Implementation Plan)

**IMPORTANT** – Appears the District desire to continue the CHIP process has waned. Needs to be re-initiated.

6.13 Support the Operation of a ‘Cloud’ Repository for Project

**SAME AS LAST MONTH** – Cloud repository still receives real-time updates from Biowerx. Access is currently turned off per NNCHD guidance. This repository should be moved to Preveil application at some point.

6.14 Pursue Pennington Foundation Grant Funds

**Tim Gamble now leading effort**

6.15 Pursue Helmsley Trust Grant Funds

**Tim Gamble now leading effort**



6.16 Pursue America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

**Diminishing** – Recommend that NNCHD pursue any and all available funds through ARPA funding. Funding profile has changed at the state level, may no longer apply.

6.17 Finalize implementation of Dental Services

**Continuing** – Recommend that NNCHD work to finalize all steps to implement dental services located in the Clinic building in Tonopah.

## **SECTION 7. FUNDING SOURCES FOUND AND STATUS OF PROPOSAL(S)**

7.1 State of Nevada ARP Funds

**Diminishing** – Biowerx and the District has met with the Nevada Governor's office to determine opportunity for applying for ARP funding for hospital. Recommend that the District continue to pursue this potential source. Funding profile has changed at the state level, may no longer apply.

7.2 USDA Community Facilities

**Ongoing** – Hospital team closely connected to USDA in possible pursuit of loan support from them. Monthly meetings are held to ensure process continues.

7.3 DoD Community Infrastructure Program (DoDCIP)

**Ongoing** – Composition of the grant application has started. Most critical element, the Letter of Support from the Base Commander has been received. Response is due 23 June, 2023

7.4 Pennington Foundation

**Tim Gamble now leading effort**

7.5 Private Investors

**Update – To this end, the possibility of creating a 'Northern Nye County Hospital District Foundation' needs to be investigated with Nye County.** The potential of private investment in the hospital project exists. Recommend NNCHD investigate this route of funding.

## **SECTION 8. INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PROPOSAL(S) IF NECESSARY**

8.1 USDA Community Facilities

Nothing additional needed at this time.

8.2 Helmsley Trust

Do not anticipate any additional information required.

8.3 Pennington

Do not anticipate any additional information required.

## **SECTION 9. STATUS OF ANY REGULATORY OR LICENSING EFFORTS**

9.1 Effort continues to be spent to ensure Biowerx Consulting is following Open Meeting Laws

9.2 **CRITICAL – Project is very near the point where we can submit application for Certificate of Need.**

## **SECTION 10. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUIRED**

10.1 None

## **SECTION 11. MAJOR/MINOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Listed in Summary at beginning.

## **SECTION 12. OUTSTANDING DECISIONS REQUIRED BY NNCHD OR OTHER ENTITIES**

12.1 None at this time

## **SECTION 13. ANY ROADBLOCKS ENCOUNTERED THAT NEED RESOLUTION**

13.1 None at this time

## **SECTION 14. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM NNCHD**

14.1 Nothing new required.

## **SECTION 15. PLANNED ACTIVITY FOR THE NEXT MONTH**

Many of the items below are the same as last month as those efforts continue:

(As time since last report is so short, this list remains the same as last month)

- Continue to orchestrate the team supporting new hospital development including weekly stand up meetings with entire team as well as Trustee Gamble.
- Continue effort in formulating 2023 application for DoDCIP program.
- As Nye County will need to ‘co-sign’ any loan the District receives, continue to ensure Nye County is aware of our key activities.
- Work to finalize the ‘pre-application’ package for USDA, focusing on the PAR, budgets and other key items USDA requires
- Continue working on the RFP process for Grants Manager, Construction Management and Environmental Support
- Continue to work with Construction Legal Counsel and USDA to approve the RFP documents.
- Continue to research process of establishing a ‘Foundation’ to allow the District to receive private financial support
- Continue to work with hospital team in effort to finalize Criteria Documentation
- Work with team to evolve pre-construction scheduling and task management
- Support Wipfli as they move towards submitting a proposal for Examined Financial Forecast

- Continue effort to build and expand relationships at the State of Nevada level that will assist NNCHD
- Work with LobbyIt to pursue Federal Assistance, as well as other opportunities
- Continue to work on dental opportunity for clinic
- Focus on staying in sync with USDA in anticipation of funding application